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Please deliver following message from Secretary for transmission to
Foreign Minister Schroeder at earliest opportunity:

BEGIN TEXT. I was very grateful to receive your message of May 10, 1962,
and agree fully that our exchanges in Athens were productive and entirely
consonant with that broad underlying identity of interests which characterizes
the relations between our two countries. I think it only fair to say that
your own attitude of consistency and calm during the storms of recent weeks
was a major contributing factor.

Your assurances that the views which you expressed are at the same time
the views of the Federal Chancellor and of the Federal Government are
welcome, and we shall await with interest your response to the specific
questions which were discussed in Athens.

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Excitement in the press is undoubtedly an

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occupational hazard for Foreign Ministers. We shall do what we can to prevent or calm such excitement and know that you will do the same. The problems before us are both delicate and dangerous but the basic interests of our two countries are identical and there is every reason for us to move in complete unity.

As you know, Ambassador Dowling will be discussing these matters with the Chancellor early in the week, and I feel certain that through our continuing contacts we will be able to help dissipate the rather unhealthy atmosphere of public speculation which has unfortunately developed. END TEXT.

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